



Confined Space Permits – LPS Elements and other modifications

**Safety Topic of the Month
Richmond Refinery**

December 2009



Revision of Entry Permits

The General Entry Permit (MFG-1086) and Special Entry Permit (MFG-3557) have been revised to include a Hazard Assessment section on the permit.

General Entry Permit
No. 388302

Equipment No. _____ Location _____

Work & Methods Approved: _____
Work Order No.: _____
Permit Remarks: _____

☐ Hazard Assessment Conducted
Perform LPSA before starting work if LPS process is used.

Possible Hazards:

	For	Limit	Date/Time	Date/Time	Date/Time	Date/Time	Date/Time	Date/Time
	Activity		Test Results	Test Results	Test Results	Test Results	Test Results	Test Results
Chemical								
Flammable or Expl. Vapor	✓	10% of L.L. Max.						
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	✓	25 ppm Max.						
Hydrogen Sulfide (H ₂ S)	✓	10 ppm Max.						
Benzene	✓	1 ppm Max.						
Xylene or Toluene	✓	50 ppm Max.						
Total Hydrocarbons	✓	500 ppm Max.						
Oxygen Deficiency	✓	19.5% Min.						
Other (specify):								
Physical								
Dust/Sludge	✓	See Ref. Index						
Temperature	✓							
Isolation (locking, electrical, piping)	✓							
Mechanical Ventilation	✓							
Other (specify):								
Protective Equipment Required:								
Today's Date and Signature Indicates THIS EQUIPMENT IS CERTIFIED SAFE TO ENTER								
Release for Head Up Initial and Date:								
Permit No. 388302								
Location _____								
THIS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN TAGGED FOR ENTRY								

Special Entry Permit
No. 139501

DANGER

Special Equipment Required

The Supplement (form MFG-1086-2) must be used and retained with this Permit for one year.

Permit Requested By: _____ Date: _____
Work Approved By: _____ Date: _____

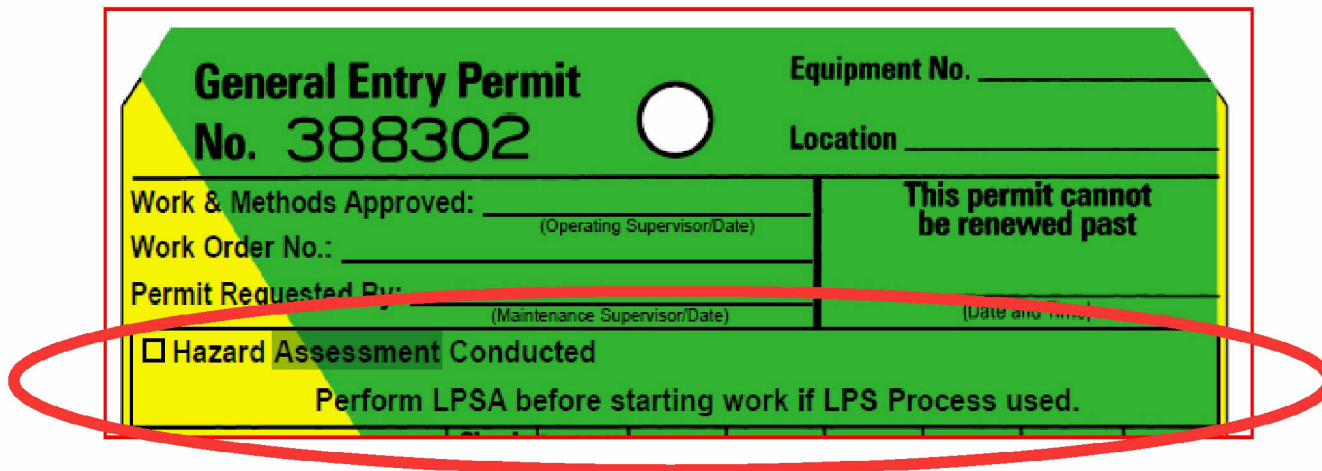
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Requirements For Entry

	Date/Time	Date/Time	Date/Time	Date/Time
Active Respirator				
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus				
Chemical Boots and Gloves				
Impervious Protective Clothing				
Head Protection				
Lifeline and Safety Harness				
Communication System				
Ground Fault C.I.				
Standby Personnel				
Test				
Oxygen Conc. (SL)				
Combustible Vapor (% of L.F.L.)				
Carbon Monoxide (P.P.M.)				
Hydrogen Sulfide (P.P.M.)				
Benzene (P.P.M.)				
Other Arsenicals (P.P.M.)				
Temperature (°F)				
Leak - T.E.L.T. (M.L. (mmHg))				
Dust/Sludge				
Pyrophoric Iron				
Equipment is Safe to Enter				
Release for Head Up Initial and Date				
Permit No. 139501				
Location _____				
Special Equipment Required For Entry				

Revision of Entry Permits

General Entry Permit (MFG-1086).




General Entry Permit		Equipment No. _____
No. 388302		Location _____
Work & Methods Approved: _____ <small>(Operating Supervisor/Date)</small>	This permit cannot be renewed past	
Work Order No.: _____		
Permit Requested By: _____ <small>(Maintenance Supervisor/Date)</small>	<small>(Date and time)</small>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hazard Assessment Conducted Perform LPSA before starting work if LPS Process used.		

The purpose of this Safety Topic of the Month is to provide a learning format for Richmond Refinery employees to acknowledge the presence and understanding of our process.



Revision of Entry Permits

Special Entry Permit (MFG-3557)

Special			Entry Permit	
			No. 139501	
DANGER				
Special	Equipment		Required	
The Supplement (form MFG-1086-2) must be used and retained with this Permit for one year.				
Permit Requested By	Maintenance Supervisor	Date	Permit Expires	
Work Approved By	Operating Supervisor	Date	Date	Time
Work Order No.	Location	Equip. No.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hazard Assessment Conducted Perform LPSA before entry if LPS process is used.				

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Confined Space Entry Permits

This month your group has the choice to use this Safety Topic of the Month as Refresher Training for General Procedures for Working In Confined Spaces. Please complete the enclosed sign in sheet and have the sheet mailed to Diane Vodenik, RIC940/BLDG227/RM15.

Sign in sheet

After a review of this material, personnel will be able to

1. Review components of RI-9920, section 6.0.
2. Identify revised elements of General and Special Entry Permits.
3. Use the entry permit and other tools to guide through and document the Hazard Assessment.



As stated in RI- 9920

The Purpose of RI-9920 is to provide operating facilities with the information and procedures necessary to ensure the safety of workers who enter and work in confined spaces.

RI-9920.6.0 Hazard Assessment

6.1 Hazardous conditions may exist or develop prior to entry or while working in confined spaces. Operating supervisor should thoroughly assess each space for such hazard or conditions. Joint meeting should be held to discuss these hazards or conditions.

Maintenance Supervisor or Company Representative Must:

1. Initiate permit showing "Equip. No." and "Location."
2. Conduct Hazard Assessment with operating Supervisor and SIGN and date at top left in the "Permit Requested By" section.

Operating Shift Supervisor Must:

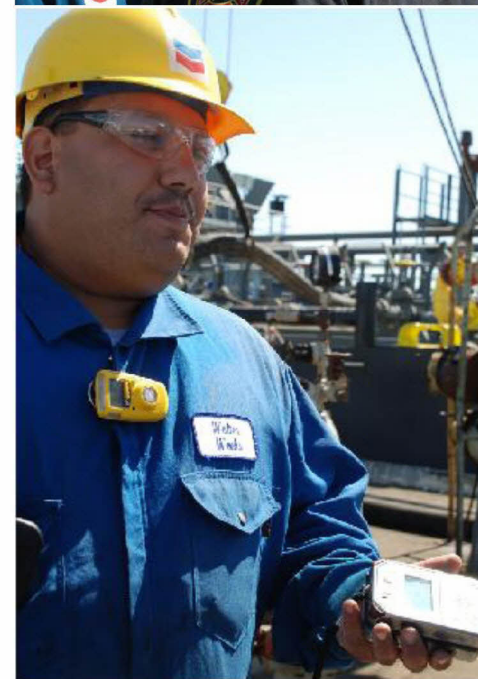
1. Ensure hazard assessment is conducted and indicate required initial checks and daily rechecks by (✓) in the "Check For" columns.

As stated in RI- 9920

RI-9920.6.0 Hazard Assessment

6.2 Some items supervisors and the person initiating the permit should consider are listed below:

1. Can contaminants be release due to deposits or as a result of chemical cleaning?
2. Is equipment properly isolated?
3. Is there an adequate number of sufficiently-sized opening for entry into enclosed or confined spaces?
4. Is ventilation required?
5. Can the equipment be tested using extendible probes or will supplied air or self-contained breathing equipment be required?
6. Should continuous monitoring gas testing be required?
7. Can atmospheric conditions change within the space due to work performed (catalyst dumping, welding, etc.)?
8. Temperature extremes which may affect workers in the space?



General Entry Permit Changes



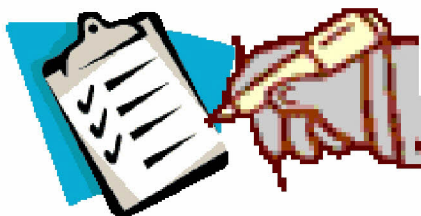
Maintenance Supervisor or Company Representative Must:

1. Initiate permit showing "Equipment No." and "Location".

2. Conduct Hazard
Assessment with
operating Supervisor and
SIGN and date at top left
in the "Permit Requested
By" section.

Operating Shift Supervisor Must:

1. Ensure Hazard Assessment
is conducted and indicate
required initial checks and
daily rechecks by (✓) in
the "Check For" columns.



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazard Assessment Conducted Perform LPSA before starting work if LPS Process used.									
Possible Hazards:	Check For:		Limits	Date/ Time Test Results	Date/ Time Test Results	Date/ Time Test Results	Date/ Time Test Results	Date/ Time Test Results	Date/ Time Test Results
	Initially	Daily							
Chemical									
Flammable or Expl. Vapor	✓	✓	10% of LEL Max.						
Carbon Monoxide CO	✓		25 ppm Max.						
Hydrogen Sulfide H ₂ S	✓		5 ppm Max.						
Benzene			1 ppm Max.						
Xylene or Toluene			50 ppm Max.						
Total Hydrocarbons			300 ppm Max.						
Oxygen Deficiency	✓	✓	19.5% Min.						
Other (specify)									
Physical									
Dust/Sludge									
Temperature			See Ref. Instr.						
Isolation (blinding, electrical, piping)	✓								
Mechanical Ventilation	✓								
Other (specify)									
Protective Equipment Required:	"Typical: Hard Hat, Eye Protection, Boots, FR Outerwear" Other: <i>Tyvek suit, chemical gloves</i> Remarks:								

General Entry Permit Changes

Changes to the front of permit

1. Hazard Assessment Conducted checkbox
2. Perform LPSA before starting work.
3. Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) limit changed to 5 ppm max.
4. Isolation box consolidated to include blinding, electrical, and piping.
5. Mechanical Ventilation

General Entry Permit
No. 388302

Equipment No. _____
Location _____

Work & Methods Approved: _____
(Operating Supervisor/Date)

Work Order No.: _____

Permit Requested By: _____
(Maintenance Supervisor/Date)

(Date and Time) _____

☐ Hazard Assessment Conducted
Perform LPSA before starting work if LPS Process used.

Possible Hazards:	Check For:		Limits	Date/Time Test Results	Date/Time Test Results	Date/Time Test Results	Date/Time Test Results	Date/Time Test Results	Date/Time Test Results
	Initially	Daily							
Chemical									
Flammable or Expl. Vapor	✓	✓	10% of LEL Max						
Carbon Monoxide CO			25 ppm Max						
Hydrogen Sulfide H ₂ S			5 ppm Max						
Isocyanate			1 ppm Max						
Xylene or Toluene			50 ppm Max						
Total Hydrocarbons			300 ppm Max						
Oxygen Deficiency	✓	✓	19.5% Min						
Other (specify)									
Physical									
Dust/Sludge									
Temperature			See Ref. Instr.						
Isolation (blinding, electrical, piping)	✓								
Mechanical Ventilation									
Other (specify)									
Protective Equipment Required:	"Typical: Hard Hat, Eye Protection, Boots, FR Outerwear"								
	Other: _____								
	Remarks: _____								
Today's Date and Signature Indicates THIS EQUIPMENT IS CERTIFIED SAFE TO ENTER	Date:								
	Operator's Signature:								
Release for Head Up Initial and Date:	Maint. Inspect:		Oper. Inspect:		Oper. Final OK		Completed		

Permit No. 388302

Equipment No. _____

Location _____ Cannot be renewed past _____ (Date & Time)

THIS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN TAGGED FOR ENTRY

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General Entry Permit Changes



Changes to the Back

1. Hazard Assessment for Maintenance Supervisor.
2. Hazard Assessment for Operating Supervisor.
3. Perform LPSA before starting work.

Instructions and Responsibilities for Use of This Permit

(Refer to Refinery Standards for Details)

Maintenance Supervisor or Company Representative Must:

1. Initiate permit showing "Equip. No." and "Location."
2. Conduct Hazard Assessment with operating supervisor and sign and date at top left in the "Permit Requested By" section.
3. Ensure that all Mechanics understand conditions and hazard assessment.
4. Notify Operating Supervisor on any change of conditions which may require different testing.
5. Notify Operating Supervisor when interior work is complete and ready to head up.

Operating Shift Supervisor Must:

1. Ensure hazard assessment is conducted and indicate required initial checks and daily rechecks by (✓) in the "Check For" columns.
2. Indicate anticipated life of permit by completing both "This Permit Cannot Be Renewed Past" sections at top & bottom of permit.
3. Specify special "Protective Equipment Required" and reasons.
4. Review and SIGN blind list for approval prior to entry.
5. SIGN and date entry permit at top left "Work & Methods Approved" section indicating approval to proceed. Brief designated operator / H. O.

Designated Responsible Operator Must:

1. Hang "Danger, Do Not Enter" Tags at each location at the time Mechanics open the equipment, or as instructed by Refinery Std.
2. SIGN and date the "Equipment Is Certified Safe to Enter" row/column to indicate final OK and hang approved entry permit. Note additional precautions.
3. Remove and file the bottom stub in the control room. Remove the "Danger, Do Not Enter" tag, if posted.
4. Perform daily retests (if qualified) each day for life of permit and SIGN per 2. when all tests prove OK.
5. Review work in progress - should conditions become unsafe, pull all entry permits and hang "Danger, Do Not Enter" tags, or as instructed by Refinery Policy.

Fire Inspector or Testing Operator Must:

1. SIGN for each test or check performed when OK in the column under the current "Date/Time."
2. When all requested tests and checks OK, report to responsible operator.
3. Remove entry permit if any check not OK, and report immediately to responsible operator (leave "Danger, Do Not Enter" tag in place, if posted).

Entrants / All Persons Must:

REVIEW PERMIT COMPLETELY BEFORE ENTRY, particularly noting final OK signature by designated responsible operator for the current date and time as well as required daily tests, checks and protective equipment required.

Perform LPSA before working in the space.

Special Entry Permit Changes

Changes to the Back

1. Hazard Assessment for Maintenance Supervisor.
2. Hazard Assessment for Operating Supervisor.
3. Perform LPSA before starting work.



Instructions and Responsibilities for Use of This Permit (Refer to Refinery Green Book for Details)



Maintenance Supervisor or Company Representative Must:

1. Initiate permit showing "Work Order No." "Equip. No." and "Location."
2. Conduct hazard assessment with operating Supervisor and SIGN and date at top left in the "Permit Requested By" section.
3. Ensure that all Mechanics understand conditions and hazard assessment.
4. Notify Operating Supervisor on any change of conditions which may require different testing.
5. Notify Operating Supervisor when interior work is complete and ready to head up.

Operating Shift Supervisor Must:

1. Review permit and hazard assessment with Maintenance Supervisor.
2. Indicate required initial checks and daily rechecks by (✓) in the "Check For" columns.
3. Indicate anticipated life of permit by completing both "This Permit Cannot Be Renewed Past" sections at top & bottom of permit.
4. Specify "Requirements for Entry" (consult hazard assessment or JSA/JLA).
5. Review and SIGN blind list for approval prior to entry.
6. SIGN and date entry permit at top left "Work & Methods Approved" section indicating approval to proceed. Brief the designated operator.

Designated Responsible Operator Must:

1. Hang "Danger, Do Not Enter" Tags at each location at the time Mechanics open the equipment, or as instructed by Refinery Std.
2. SIGN and date the "Equipment Safe To Enter" column to indicate final OK and hang approved entry permit.
3. Remove and file the bottom stub in the control room. Remove the "Danger, Do Not Enter" tag, if posted.
4. Perform daily retests (if qualified) each day for life of permit and SIGN when all tests prove OK.
5. Review work in progress - should conditions become unsafe, pull all entry permits and hang "Danger, Do Not Enter" tags, or as instructed by Refinery Policy.

Fire Inspector or Testing Operator Must:

1. SIGN for each test or check performed when OK in the column under the current "Date/Time."
2. Review "Additional Requirements".
3. When all requested tests and checks OK, report to responsible operator.
4. Remove entry permit if any check not OK, and report immediately to responsible operator (leave "Danger, Do Not Enter" tag in place, if posted).

Attendant or Hole Watch Must:

1. Be present during entry and remain in contact with entrants.
2. Prevent tampering and unauthorized entry; ensure entrants sign in and out and keep count of entrants.
3. Understand rescue plan and how to summon rescuers.
4. Monitor conditions and activities and evacuate space if needed.
5. Never enter space.

Entrants / All Persons Must:

1. **REVIEW HAZARD ASSESSMENT AND PERMITS COMPLETELY BEFORE ENTRY**, particularly noting final OK signature by designated responsible operator for the current date and time as well as required daily checks and protective equipment required.
2. Initial MFG-609 Section V, and sign in and out of space.
3. Be briefed by attendant prior to entry.

PERFORM LPSA BEFORE ENTERING



Additional tools for use in a Hazard Assessment



CHEVRON JOB HAZARD ANALYSIS FORM

NOTE: This form is to be brought to the work site by the first representative of each craft.

DATE: _____	JOB NO.: _____	LOCATION: _____
MAINT. SUPERVISOR: _____	PHONE NO.: _____	
OPERATOR: _____	PHONE NO.: _____	
MECHANIC'S NAME _____	CRAFT _____	COMPANY _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

JOINT JOB SITE VISIT (JJSV) – Operator/Mechanic Discussion Completed? ->	Yes	N/A
Isolation List: Review list, operator points out all isolation and depressurization points.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electrical Isolation Verification: Electrician lock on lockbox, test start/stop switch.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Isolation Lock Key: If no electrician, first craft representative witnesses key deposited in lockbox.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Locks and Tags Installed: Confirm that all locks and tags are installed per RI-9900.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Work Permits reviewed and signed—check those that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Ignition Source <input type="checkbox"/> High Heat <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Air <input type="checkbox"/> General Work <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation <input type="checkbox"/> Confined Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazardous Materials: Material: _____ MSDS No.: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Protective Equipment reviewed—check those that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Respirator <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

[Please Click here to view a complete Chevron Job Hazard Analysis Form](#)

#5 Rheniformer- 2Q09 Confined Space Entry PPE Matrix

Location/ Task	Potential Chemical Hazards	Industrial Hygiene Sampling	MSDS Name and Number	Permissible Exposure Limits/Hazard Info (OSHA)	PPE Requirements for Column, Tank, or Vessel Entry (OSHA)	Comments
All Hydrocarbon Equipment						
Mercury – All Hydrocarbon Equipment	Mercury	No	Mercury MSDS #DVG01788	0.05 mg/m ³ – 8 hr. TWA 0.0167 mg/m ³ – 12 hr. TWA 0.1 mg/m ³ – Ceiling 10 mg/m ³ – IDLH	0.05 – 0.08 mg/m ³ – Full Face Respirator with Mercury vapor cartridge (N750045) 0.25 – 1.25 mg/m ³ – Full Face Respirator with Mercury vapor cartridge (N750052) > 1.25 mg/m ³ – Supplied Air	OSHA will test for Ammonia and Mercury on initial entry. OSHA will test using the Inert (or equivalent) direct-reading mercury meter. The Inert mercury tube does not read low enough to assure that no mercury is present.
Ammonia – All Hydrocarbon Equipment	Ammonia	No	Ammonia MSDS #DVG00125	25 ppm – 8 hr. TWA 25 ppm – STEL 300 ppm – IDLH	Initial entry will include Ammonia testing. 25 – 250 ppm – % or full face respirator with Ammonia cartridge (N75004) >250 ppm – Contact Safety Coordinator	Ammonia testing will be conducted by CPO prior to mercury testing. Ammonia will interfere with mercury readings. If ammonia is present wear Supplied Air and remove the suspect contaminated material and then retest the confined space for ammonia and mercury.
Total Hydrocarbons – All Hydrocarbon Equipment	Total Hydrocarbons	No		TWA – 300 ppm STEL – 500 ppm	See Comments	If sludge is present wear Poly coated Tyres, Nitrile gloves (tape), 10 face respirator with Organic Vapor cartridges, Goggles (or full face respirator with Organic Vapor cartridges), and rubber boots

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- (1) Not expected but pre-entry sampling will be performed to confirm respiratory protection requirements.
 (2) IDLH = Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health – H₂ IDLH is 100 ppm.
 (3) Exposure monitoring results will be adjusted, based on exposure time and length of workshift, to compare to the 8-hour Time Weighted Average (TWA).
 (4) For acids/caustics – eye wash/safety shower nearby.
 (5) If H₂S is present, respiratory protection will be upgraded and/or additional cleaning will be required.
 (6) For length of time gloves should be used, contact PSC.
 (7) Delphi coating (K) will be determined by application process. If solvents are used supplied air respirators will be necessary.
 (8) The following list of metals will be found in spent Starblast dirt whenever blasting occurs and also in the metal particles from subsequent welding and grinding. Concentrations of metals will range from non-detect to above the PEL. PPE described for Starblasting/Grinding inside equipment will be sufficient to protect workers from exposure. The metals are: Mercury, Thallium, Antimony, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Cobalt, Copper, Lead, Molybdenum, Nickel, Silver, Vanadium, Arsenic, Selenium, Barium and Zinc.
 (9) TWA and STEL limits are based on ACGIH when available.
 (10) If confined space hazards have been removed through mitigation or cleaning contact T&E PSC for PPE requirement changes.
 (11) Supplied Air Respirator (SAR), Local Exhaust Ventilator (LEV), Confined Space or Partial Enclosure work with Alloy Metals Requires SAR.

- *3. The Maintenance Supervisor in charge will work with Operations and the Safety Department if necessary to ensure all entrants in the space use PPE appropriate to the hazards they may encounter. On large entries a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Matrix may be used to supplement the entry conditions noted on the permit.

Resources and Questions


Integrating LPS components into our permits enables those working in confined spaces to be reminded to – Assess, Analyze, and ACT to prevent losses before beginning any work.

If you have any questions concerning the new permits, please contact your field safety coordinator.

[Review RI-9920](#)

LOSS PREVENTION SELF ASSESSMENT

BEFORE BEGINNING ANY ACTIVITY/TASK/JOB, AFTER A LOSS OR NEAR LOSS, ANY UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:



ASSESS the risk!
 What could go wrong?
 What is the worst thing that could happen if something does go wrong?

ANALYZE how to reduce the risk!
 Do I have all the necessary Training and Knowledge to do this job properly?
 Do I have all the proper Tools and Personal Protective Equipment?

ACT to ensure loss-free operations!
 Take necessary Action to ensure the job is done properly!
 Follow written procedures! Ask for assistance if needed!

DO NOT PROCEED UNLESS ALL RISKS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED!

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Review TOP Lessons Learned

Learning from our past incidents will help us prevent them in the future. Please take a few minutes now to review the TOP lessons learned.

TOP Lessons Learned

